

## LETTER

FROM

THE SECRETARY OF STATE,

RECOMMENDING

*The claim of Townsend Harris, late consul general at Japan, for compensation for negotiating a treaty between the United States and the kingdom of Siam.*

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[To accompany bill S. 645.]

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
*Washington, March 2, 1857.*

SIR: In reply to your note of this day, I have the honor to state that Mr. Townsend Harris was sent to Siam to negotiate a treaty between that kingdom and the United States. He performed that duty in an acceptable manner. This was done before he reached Japan, and while he was not entitled to his salary as United States consul general to the latter country. It is usual to make compensation to commissioners for negotiating treaties, and I recommend that provision be made for paying Mr. Harris for this service.

Yours, respectfully,

W. L. MARCY.

Hon. W. H. SEWARD,  
*United States Senate.*

